

Morning Worship
Third Sunday of Easter
April 18, 2021
10:30 a.m.

Welcome

Westminster Chimes

Greeting

Pastor Dennis W. Monar

Prelude Music

Robert Neumeyer, organ

Scripture Focus John 21: 4-19

Call to Worship

Rose Schrott

Leader: When the disciples were certain that Jesus was dead,

People: *he stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."*

Leader: Let us watch for the risen Christ this day,

People: *bursting in with new life and new hope.*

Leader: Easter people, Christ is risen!

People: *Christ is risen indeed!*

Opening Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Glory to God #187

Scripture Reflection 1 John 3: 1-10

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

What love you have given us, O God, that we should be called your children. What love you have given us, O Christ, that we should share a table with you. Forgive us when we act as if we were your only children: when we do not recognize your image in the faces of strangers, enemies, or friends, when we do not share our own tables, forgetting that we need each other. Forgive us, O Christ, maker of peace and teach us to follow in your way.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Hymn

Jesus Calls Us

GTG #720

Morning Message "*Fish & Sheep*"

Special Music

Fishers of Men

Rhonda Vincent, soloist

Stewardship of Life Offerings

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Sending & Benediction

*Wherever you go, God is sending you.
Wherever you are, God is there working for good.
Christ who indwells you has something he wants to do there.
with you and those you meet "on the way".
Believe this and go in his grace and his love and his power.*

Postlude

Robert Neumeyer, *organ*

The bouquets of flowers enhancing the chancel today are given in honor of Dr. William Z Nasri's birthday from his wife, Eunice M. Nasri, and children, William P. Nasri and Nadine Elizabeth Mancini.

Please keep in your Prayers:

Joan Foster, now at Concordia for rehabilitation following recent treatment for a cracked hip.

Next Sunday, April 25th, we will have a Celebration of Creation Sunday as we observe the emergence of new life around us! Please plan to join us to celebrate the new life our Lord brings forth through creation to remind us that we are stewards of the Creation he has surrounded us with. A Creation Day of "tilling the soil" will be held on May 1st, as we seek to tends to the landscape surrounding our Mission Station. We are looking for willing hands and hearts to tend the plants, trees, shrubs, and grounds from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon that day. Contact Sean Boehm sboehm@unitypresbyterianchurch.org, if you are willing to "till and create new life" with others in tending to the beauty of our landscape.

We will be holding two Memorial Services on Saturday, April 24th, to remember to church members who passed on to the Kingdom Triumphant during the last year of Covid-19. A Celebration of Life Service for Monica Ide will be held at 11:00 a.m. and then a Celebration of Life Service for Foster Hartman will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Safety protocols will be in place for both services, including the wearing of masks, safe distancing, and no congregational singing.

We hope you are reading through the book, I Heard God Laugh, that was distributed with the Easter Packet of materials recently. If you have not received your Easter Packet please notify us at the office, 412-561-2431. We hope to coordinate some conversations around the reading book in the coming weeks.

A reminder, that the following seven Sundays are still available for chancel flower reservations: July 25, August 8 and 15, October 24, November 7 and 28, and December 5. You may use the online giving form on the church website or call the church office to reserve one of these dates. Thank you!